

2017 Police Sergeant Information Sessions – Q & A

Note: These were the questions asked by candidates during the information sessions held on 9/12/17 and 9/14/17, and the answers given by Civil Service Commission staff.

Q: How many candidates signed up to take the 2017 Police Sergeant exam?

A: 142 candidates

Q: Is the Emergency Operations Manual and other materials previously on the reading list still on the reading list?

A: The reading list has fewer materials than previous test administrations. The 2017 Police Sergeant Reading List can be found here; <https://www.columbus.gov/civilservice/uniformed-police-series/Police-Sergeant/> It was posted at the end of April.

Q: For the open-book multiple-choice exam, is it OK if we have notes in the margins of our source materials?

A: Yes, prior to the open-book multiple-choice exam candidates may write in the margins and on the tabs of their books and sources. Additionally, candidates may separate sources and place them in three-ring binders. However, candidates may not add extra sheets of notes to their sources, and candidates may not write in their sources during the exams.

Q: Is there a dress code for Phases I, II and III?

A: No, there is no dress code. However, the temperature at 750 Piedmont Rd. fluctuates wildly. We recommend wearing layers.

Q: How much time do we have to complete the written phases of the exam?

A: Phase I – 3.5 hours

Phase II – 2 hours

Phase III – 2.5 hours plus about 30 minutes for the timed audio-based segment of Phase III.

Q: For the audio-based item in the Phase II, will we be able to rewind if we want to listen to it again?

A: No. The audio file will be played once for all candidates at the same time. However, you will be given a print out of the transcript. You may refer to the transcript while listening to the audio and answering the related question(s).

Q: Is there a cut point between the written exam and the oral board?

A: No. There are no cut points or hurdles between phases. All candidates who take earlier phases are cordially invited to take subsequent phases.

Q: Is the sample oral board video you showed during the information session available on-line?

A: No. Due to space constraints we are currently unable to host the video on the Commission's website.

Q: How do we add our veteran's preference points?

A: Veteran's preference points are only added for entry-level examinations.